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Proceedings.

SENATE.

Thursday, April 29th, 1824.—106th day.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined and signed, and it was delivered to the Committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. RUGGLES, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Alvin Bronson," and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William T. Nimmo," reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. EATON gave notice, that to-morrow, he would ask leave to bring in a bill for the relief of the heirs of John Donaldson, Stephen Heard and others.

Mr. BELL, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Thomas and Company," reported it without amendment.

Mr. KNIGHT reported from the Committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year 1824.

Mr. BENTON submitted the following motion for consideration: *Resolved*, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be selected in separate parcels, or in sections, as much land as will amount to two of the townships heretofore granted by Congress to the state of Missouri for the support of seminaries of learning. Also, to inquire into the expediency of granting to the town of St. Louis, and to other towns and villages in the state of Missouri for the support of schools, the lots and pieces of ground within such towns and villages which may have been heretofore reserved for military purposes, and not now needed for such use.

Mr. VAN BUREN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the bill, entitled "An act to alter the Judicial Districts of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes;" the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the sale of lands conveyed to the United States in certain cases and for other purposes;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Blagrove;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the corporation of the church of St. Anne, and to authorize the extension of Larned Street in the town of Detroit;" and the bill, to provide for the punishment of certain crimes, when committed in any navy yard, fort, arsenal, magazine, dock, light house, tract of land, or other places belonging to the United States, reported them severally without amendment.

Twenty-one bills yesterday brought up from the House of Representatives for concurrence, were severally read twice by unanimous consent.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Stephen Brace;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Maron Duval;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the representative of Elijah Brush;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lemuel Armes;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joshua Brunett;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Holliday;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jonas Duncan;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Nathaniel Jones," be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Riet;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Wm. Hall, an invalid soldier of the revolutionary army;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Charles Bradford;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Louderman," be severally referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act to provide for repaying to Bezaleel Wells, a certain sum of money by him erroneously paid into the Treasury;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Malachi Burns;" and the bill, entitled "An

act for the relief of Thomas Williams," be severally referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Benjamin Desolry;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Wilmot," be severally referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Elliott Rucher," be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles Humphrey;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Mareschal," be severally referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Smith, of Alexandria," be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The bill to authorize the painting of the battle of New-Orleans, by John Vanderlyn; and the bill to sell and dispose of the refuse lands of the United States, were severally read the second time.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the last mentioned bill be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, directing the Post Master General to report the most practicable post route from New-Orleans to Washington, and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports," together with the amendments reported thereto, by the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures: Mr. KING, of Ala. in the chair.

On motion, by Mr. LLOYD, of Mass. to strike out in sec. 1, line 93, the words "on hemp, two cents per pound." It was determined in the affirmative—Yeas 24, Nays 23.

YEAS, 24.—Messrs. Barbour, Branch, Chandler, Clayton, Elliott, Gaillard, Hayne, Holmes, of Me. Holmes, of Miss. Henry Johnson, J. S. Johnston, Kelly, King, of Ala. King, of N. Y. Lloyd, of Md. Lloyd, of Mass. Macon, Mills, Parrott, Smith, Taylor, of Va. Van Dyke, Ware, and Williams.

NAYS, 23.—Messrs. Barton, Bell, Benton, Brown, D'Wolf, Dickerson, Eaton, Edwards, Findlay, Jackson, Johnson, of Ky. Knight, Lauman, Lowrie, M'Ilvaine, Noble, Palmer, Ruggles, Seymour, Talbot, Taylor, of Ind. Thomas, and Van Buren. *Adjourned*.

Friday, April 30th, 1824.—107th day.

Mr. JACKSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bills, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles Humphrey," and "An act for the relief of Joseph Marechal;" reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of Alexander Scott; reported a bill for the relief of Alexander Scott, late Collector of Pensacola; read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Wilmot;" reported it without amendment.

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to provide for repaying to Bezaleel Wells, a certain sum of money by him erroneously paid into the Treasury;" reported it without amendment.

Mr. KNIGHT, from the Committee, reported that they yesterday, laid before the President of the United States, the four enrolled bills last reported to have been examined and signed.

Mr. RUGGLES, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William N. Earle;" reported it without amendment.

Mr. KING, of Ala. from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Malachi Burns;" reported it without amendment.

Seventeen bills yesterday brought up from the House, were severally twice read by unanimous consent.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Strain;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of J. M. C. Montgomery;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden and others;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Peter Yandes;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Laudie Richardson;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Carroll, of Duddington and others," be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John S. Moffett;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of David Beard," be severally referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George Fisher;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Judah Alden;" be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Leightner," be referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

That the bill, entitled "An act for the benefit of the Columbian Institute," be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Solomon Sibley;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Frederick Perley;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of David Cooper," be severally referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Hugh McCulloch;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Mary H. Hawkins," be severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. LLOYD, of Mass. presented the memorial of Thomas Denio and others, merchants and ship owners of Boston, praying that the bill now before Congress increasing the duties on imports may not pass the Senate; read and laid on the table.

Mr. MILLS presented the memorial of Jonas B. Brown and others, of Massachusetts, praying that the bill before Congress to increase the duties on imports may pass; read, and laid on the table.

Agreeably to notice, Mr. EATON asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill for the relief of the representatives of John Donelson, Stephen Heard and others; read twice by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, instructing the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the selection of certain land for the support of seminaries of learning in Missouri; laid on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to amend the several acts for imposing duties on imports," together with the amendments reported thereto, by the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures; Mr. KING, of Ala. in the chair; and after progress, *Ordered*, That the bill lie on the table.

After the consideration of Executive business. *Adjourned*.

Saturday, May 1st, 1824.—103th day.

Mr. LANMAN, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Elliott;" reported it without amendment.

Mr. M'ILVAINE, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Holaday;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jonas Duncan;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joshua Bennett;" reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. JACKSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the bills, entitled "An act for the relief of Solomon Sibley;" "An act for the relief of David Cooper;" and "An act for the relief of Frederick Perley;" reported them severally without amendment.

Sixteen bills yesterday brought up for concurrence, were severally read twice by unanimous consent.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Dean Weymouth;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Bleau;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Cleveland, junior;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Topp," be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Mitchell," be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Morris Goldsmith and Anthony Roderick;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Benjamin King;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Jehu and Nathaniel Brooks, and the representative of either of them;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John R. Carter," be severally referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Archibald Clark," be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Ordered, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Fry and Spalding;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Maturin Guichot;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Firman and others," be severally referred to the Committee on Public Lands, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act to compensate William Cocke, for certain military services rendered the United States during the late war, and for the relief of John T. Johnson;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob Slough," be severally referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington, passed the 15th May, 1820," be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. LANMAN, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Lightner;" reported it without amendment.

Mr. BARTON, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Williams;" reported it without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. BENTON, the Senate resumed the motion of the 29th of April, instructing the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the selection of certain land for the support of seminaries of learning in Missouri, and agreed thereto.

On motion, by Mr. TALBOT, *Resolved*, That the petition of John S. Stiles, executor of George Stiles, and the report of the Committee on the Judiciary thereon, be referred to the Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. KNIGHT reported, from the Committee, that they had examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Wood of Ohio."

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to amend the several acts for imposing duties on imports;" Mr. KING of Ala. in the chair, and a motion being made to amend the bill by inserting, after the word "part," in the 18th line of the first section, the words *excepting Russian, Hollands and Ravens duck, and Russia sheeting*, and on motion by Mr. LLOYD of Md. to amend the said amendment by adding thereto the words *Osnaburgs, Ticklingburgs, and Burlaps?* It was determined in the negative—Yeas 23, Nays 24.

YEAS, 23.—Messrs. Barbour, Branch, Clayton, Elliott, Gaillard, Hayne, Holmes, of Me. Holmes, of Miss. Henry Johnson, J. S. Johnston, Kelly, King, of Ala. King, of N. Y. Lloyd, of Md. Lloyd, of Mass. Macon, Mills, Parrott, Smith, Taylor, of Va. Van Dyke, Ware, and Williams.

NAYS, 24.—Messrs. Barton, Bell, Benton, Brown, Chandler, D'Wolf, Dickerson, Eaton, Edwards, Findlay, Jackson, Johnson, of Ky. Knight, Lanman, Lowrie, M'Ilvaine, Noble, Palmer, Ruggles, Seymour, Talbot, Taylor, of Ind. Thomas, and Van Buren. *Adjourned*.

Monday, May 3rd, 1824.—109th day.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the bills, entitled "An act for the relief of Stephen Brace;" "An act for the relief of Lemuel Arms;" and "An act for the relief of Nathaniel Jones;" reported them severally without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. PARROTT, *Ordered*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs, be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Thomas Haven and Jonathan Folsom.

Mr. JACKSON, from the Joint Committee appointed to examine and report what business ought to be acted upon at the present session, and when the same may be closed, by an adjournment, made a further report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. RUGGLES, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the bills, entitled "An act for the relief of Marun Duval;" and "An act for the relief of the representatives of Elijah Brush;" reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. BARTON, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom were referred the bills, "to sell and dispose of the refuse land of the United States;" and "for the relief of the representatives of John Donelson, Stephen Heard and others;" reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. KNIGHT, from the Committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Joseph C. Boyd;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Celestin Moreau of Louisiana;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Johnson;" and the bill, entitled "An act rewarding the officers and crews of two gigs, or small boats, under the command of Lieutenant Francis H. Gregory, of the United States Navy."

Mr. BENTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to compensate William Cocke, for certain military services rendered the United States during the late war, and for the relief of John T. Johnston;" reported it without amendment.

Mr. EATON, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom were referred the bills, entitled "An act for the relief of Judah Alden;" and "An act supplementary to an act, approved on the 3d day of March, 1819, entitled "An act providing for the correction of errors in making entries of land at the Land Offices;" reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. KING, of Ala. from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George Fisher;" reported it with amendments, which were read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Noah Smith of Maine;" and, *Resolved*, That they concur therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Dean Weymouth;" and, *Ordered*, That the said amendments be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion, by Mr. NOBLE, *Ordered*, That the Committee on Pensions, be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Isaac Russell; the bill for the relief of Alexander Scott, late Collector of Pensacola, was read the second time.

The four bills last brought up for concurrence, were twice read by unanimous consent.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing a Register to the Brig William of New-York;" and the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the executors of John B. Mebane to collect certain arrears of tax," be severally referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act to allow further time to complete the issuing and locating of military land warrants," be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the administrator of John B. Fanning, deceased, late a purser in the navy of the United States," be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports," together with the motion to amend the same, by inserting after the word "part," in the 18th line of the first section, the words *excepting Russian, Hollands and Ravans Duck, and Russia Sheetting*; Mr. KING of Ala. in the chair; and on the question to agree to the said amendment, it was determined in the negative—Yeas 21, Nays 26.

YEAS, 21.—Messrs. Bell, Branch, Chandler, Clayton, Holmes of Maine, J. S. Johnston, King of N. Y. Knight, Lloyd of Mass. Lowrie, Macon, Mills, Palmer, Parrott, Seymour, Smith, Thomas, Van Buren, Van Dyke, Ware, and Williams.

NAYS, 26.—Messrs. Barbour, Barton, Benton, Brown, D'Wolf, Dickerson, Eaton, Edwards, Elliott, Findlay, Gaillard, Hayne, Holmes of Miss. Jackson, Johnson of Ken. Henry Johnson, Kelly, King of Ala. Lanman, Lloyd of Md. McIlvaine, Noble, Ruggles, Talbot, Taylor of Ind. and Taylor of Va.

On motion, by Mr. ELLIOTT, to strike out the first proviso in the first section. *Adjourned*

Tuesday, May 4th, 1824—110th day.

The President signed the four enrolled bills last reported to have been examined and signed, and they were delivered to the Committee to be laid before the President of the United States.

On motion, by Mr. BARBOUR, *Ordered*, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to meet at 10 o'clock, A. M. until otherwise ordered.

Mr. JACKSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the bills, entitled "An act to authorize the President to exchange five arpens of land on the south side of the public lot at Baton Rouge, for an equal quantity of land on the north side of

said lot," and "An act for the relief of Jacob Slough;" reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. SMITH, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the bills, entitled "An act authorizing the issuing a Register to the Brig William of New-York;" and "An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act authorizing the executors of John B. Mebane, to collect certain arrears of tax;" reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. RUGGLES, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Carroll, of Duddington, and others;" reported it without amendment.

Mr. NOBLE, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred the bills, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Laudermon;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Charles Bradford;" reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. BARTON, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom were referred the bills, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Firman and others;" and "An act for the relief of Maturin Guichot;" reported them severally without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. EATON, *Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands, be discharged from the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Fry and Spalding," and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. McILVAINE, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred the bills, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden, and others;" "An act for the relief of Robert Strain;" and "An act or the relief of Landie Richardson;" reported them severally without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Amasa Stetson," and concurred therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Thomas Stanford," and concurred therein.

Also, the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thaddeus Mayhew;" and concurred therein.

The three bills yesterday brought up for concurrence, were severally read twice by unanimous consent.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Robert Brotherton," be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ordered, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Edward Evans," be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of J. Ottramman," be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to amend the several acts for imposing duties on imports," together with the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. ELLIOTT; Mr. KING of Ala. in the chair, and after debate,

Adjourned.

Wednesday, May 5th, 1824—111th day.

Mr. DICKERSON, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred the bills, entitled "An act to allow the bounty to vessels employed in the Cod Fisheries in certain cases," and "An act for the relief of Isaac Collyer and others," reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. VAN BUREN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the bills, entitled "An act for the relief of Benjamin King," "An act for the relief of James Jehu and Nathaniel Brooks, and the representatives of either of them," and "An act for the relief of Robert Brotherton," reported them severally without amendment.

On motion by Mr. MILLS, *Ordered*, That Amasa Stetson have leave to withdraw such of the documents accompanying his petition, as do not appertain to the bill for his relief.

Mr. LLOYD, of Mass. from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of George Ulmer, made a report, which was read and considered, and in concurrence therewith, *Ordered*, That the said Committee be discharged from the further consideration of said petition.

Mr. NOBLE, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Hall, an invalid soldier of the Revolutionary Army," reported it without amendment.

Mr. LLOYD, of Md. from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the benefit of the Columbian Institute," reported it without amendment.

The bill from the House, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Miguel Eslava," was twice read by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to amend the several acts for imposing duties on imports; Mr. KING, of Alabama, in the chair. On the question to strike out the first proviso in the first section, as follows: "Provided, That all cottonclothes whatsoever, or clothes of which cotton shall be a component material, excepting nankins imported directly from China, the original cost of which at the place whence imported, with the addition of twenty per centum, if imported from the Cape of Good Hope, or any place beyond it: and of ten per centum if imported from any other place, shall be less than thirty-five cents per square yard, and shall with such addition, be deemed and taken to have cost thirty-five cents per square yard, and shall be charged with duty accordingly. And that all unbleached and uncoloured cotton twist, yarn or thread, the original cost of which shall be less than sixty cents per pound, shall be deemed and taken to have cost sixty cents per pound, and shall be charged with duty accordingly. And all bleached or coloured cotton yarn, twist or thread, the original cost of which shall be less than seventy-five cents per pound, shall be deemed and taken to have cost seventy-five cents per pound?" It was determined in the negative—Yeas 23, Nays 24.

YEAS, 23.—Messrs. Barbour, Branch, Clayton, Elliott, Gaillard, Hayne, Holmes of Me. Holmes, of Miss. Henry Johnson, J. S. Johnston, Kelly, King of Alabama, King of N. York, Lloyd of Md. Lloyd of Mass. Macon, Mills, Parrott, Smith, Taylor of Va. Van Dyke, Ware, Williams.

NAYS, 24.—Messrs. Barton, Bell, Benton, Brown, Chandler, D'Wolf, Dickerson, Eaton, Edwards, Findlay, Jackson, Johnson of Ky. Knight, Lanman, Lowrie, McLivaine, Noble, Palmer, Ruggles, Seymour, Talbot, Taylor of Indiana, Thomas, Van Buren.

On motion by Mr. HOLMES, of Me. to strike out in sec. 1, lines 241 and 242, the words "On all foreign distilled spirits fifteen per centum upon the duties now imposed by law, and in addition thereto?" It was determined in the affirmative—Yeas 28, Nays 18.

YEAS, 28.—Messrs. Barbour, Bell, Branch, Chandler, Clayton, Elliott, Gaillard, Hayne, Holmes of Me. Holmes of Miss. Henry Johnson, J. S. Johnston, Kelly, King of Alabama, King of N. York, Knight, Lanman, Lloyd of Mass. Lowrie, Macon, Mills, Parrott, Seymour, Smith, Thomas, Van Dyke, Ware, Williams.

NAYS, 18.—Messrs. Barton, Benton, Brown, D'Wolf, Dickerson, Edwards, Findlay, Jackson, Johnson of Ky. Lloyd of Md. McLivaine, Noble, Palmer, Ruggles, Talbot, Taylor of Indiana, Taylor of Va. Van Buren.

On motion that the Senate do now adjourn, it was determined in the affirmative—Yeas 28, Nays 18.

YEAS, 28.—Messrs. Bell, Benton, Clayton, Elliott, Findlay, Gaillard, Hayne, Holmes of Miss. Jackson, Henry Johnson, J. S. Johnston, Kelly, King of Alab. King of N. York, Lanman, Lloyd of Mass. McLivaine, Macon, Mills, Noble, Parrott, Smith, Taylor of Indiana, Thomas, Van Buren. Van Dyke, Ware, Williams.

NAYS, 18.—Messrs. Barbour, Barton, Branch, Brown, Chandler, D'Wolf, Dickerson, Edwards, Holmes of Me. Johnson of Ky. Knight, Lloyd of Md. Lowrie, Palmer, Ruggles, Seymour, Talbot, Taylor of Va. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

[CONTINUED FROM FOLIO 400.]

A message from the Senate, by Mr. CUTTS, their Secretary.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Senate have concurred in the report of the managers appointed by the two Houses to confer upon the subject matter of their disagreeing votes, on an amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year 1824," and disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and have amended the said bill as re-committed in the said report; and then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message, and the report of the managers at the conference, aforesaid, being read, it was *Resolved*, That this House do also concur in the said report, and that the bill aforesaid be amended accordingly. And so the said bill was passed by both Houses.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Nathaniel Jones; and Mr. ALLEN, of Massachusetts, reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of John Holliday; and Mr. Cook reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Benjamin Desobry; and Mr. CRAFTS reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of J. Ottramare; and Mr. TEN EYCK reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be laid upon the table.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Jonas Duncan, reported without amendment, by Mr. CULPEPER, and *Ordered* to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of John Wilmot; reported by Mr. STRONG, with amendments, which were read, and concurred in by the House; and the bill *Ordered* to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow. *Adjourned*.

Wednesday, April 28th, 1824—115th day.

Ordered, That Mr. VAN RENSSELAER have leave of absence from the service of this House from this day, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. WHITTLESEY, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of James Jehu and Nathaniel Brooks; accompanied by a bill for their relief, or the legal representatives of either of them; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. WHITTLESEY, from the same Committee, made an unfavourable report on the petition of John Whipple; laid upon the table.

Mr. HARVEY, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the petition of John R. Carter, accompanied by a bill for his relief; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. CUSHMAN, from the Committee on the Public Buildings, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of purchasing three of Capellanos's marble busts of Washington, reported that it is inexpedient to purchase these busts at this time, under existing circumstances. This report was read and concurred in by the House.

The resolution laid on the table by Mr. FOOT, of Conn. yesterday, was taken up, read, and again laid on table.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz: An act for the relief of Charles Humphreys; An act for the relief of the representative of Elijah Brush; An act for the relief of Joseph Marechal; An act to provide for repaying to Bealeel Wells, a certain sum of money by him erroneously paid into the Treasury; An act for the relief of Joseph Smith, of Alexandria; An act for the relief of Stephen Brace; An act for the relief of John Holliday; An act for the relief of Joshua Brunett; An act for the relief of Lemuel Arms; An act for the relief of Marun Duval; An act for the relief of Samuel Rist; An act for the relief of William Hall, an invalid soldier of the Revolutionary Army; An act for the relief of Elliot Rucker; An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Charles Bradford; An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Louderman, deceased; An act for the relief of Thomas Williams; An act for the relief of Nathaniel Jones; An act for the relief of Benjamin Desobry; An act for the relief of Jonas Duncan; An act for the relief of Joshua Wilmot; and An act for the relief of Malachie Burns, were respectively read the third time, and PASSED.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Hugh McCulloch, reported to the House without amendment, by Mr. CRAFTS, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Robert Strain; reported by Mr. HERRICK with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of John S. Moffett; reported by Mr. BAYLIES without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the benefit of the Columbian Institute; reported to the House by Mr. DWIGHT with an amendment, which was concurred in by the House, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Judah Alden; reported by Mr. LATHROP without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Henry Leightner; reported by Mr. OWEN without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of George Fisher; reported to the House by Mr. MCCOY without amendment. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Landie Richardson; reported by Mr. WARFIELD without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of David Cooper; reported by Mr. BLAIR without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for relief of Jacques Mayotte, Francois Charpenkie and Jean Baptiste Laducier; reported by Mr. STERLING without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, on Friday next.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Daniel Carroll, of Duddington and others; reported by Mr. STRONG without amendment, and on the question, "Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?" It passed in the affirmative. Yeas 78, Nays 77.

YEAS, 78.—Messrs. Abbot, Alexander of Va. Archer, Baylies, J. S. Barbour, Bassett, Brent, Buchanan, Buck, Cambreleng, Cobb, Collins, Condict, Cook, Crafts, Craig, Cushman, Cuthbert, Dufree, Dwinell, Eaton, Eddy, Farrelly, Foot of Conn. Forward, Garnett, Gurley, Hamilton, Harvey, Hayward, Henry, Hogeboom, Hooks, Jenkins, J. T. Johnson, Kent, Lathrop, Lawrence, Lewtich, Litchfield, McCoy, McKim, McLane of Del. McLean of Ohio, Mallary, Matson, Metcalfe, Mitchell of Md. Neale, Newton, Owen, Plumer of N. H. Poinsett, Rankin, Reynolds, Ross, Saunders, Sloan, Spence, A. Stevenson, Strong, Swan, Ten Eyck, Thompson of Ken. Tomlinson, Tracy, Trimble, Tucker, of Va. Vance of Ohio, Van Wyck, Warfield, Whipple, Whittlesey, Williams of Va. Williams of N. C. Henry Wilson, Wood, and Wright.

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NAYS, 77.—Messrs. Adams, Alexander of Tenn. Allen of Mass. Allen of Tenn. Barber of Conn. P. P. Barbour, Bartlett, Bartley, Beecher, Blair, Bradley, Brown, Buckner, Burleigh, Cady, Campbell of Ohio, Cary, Clark, Cocke, Conner, Day, Dwight, Ellis, Findlay, Foote of N. Y. Forsyth, Frost, Garrison, Gatlin, Gazlay, Gist, Harris, Hayden, Herrick, Houston, Isacks, F. Johnson, Kidder, Kremer, Letcher, Livermore, Locke, Longfellow, McArthur, Marvin, Miller, Mitchell of Penn. Moore of Ken. Moore of Ala. Patterson of Penn. Patterson of Ohio, Plumer of Penn. Richards, Sandford, Sharpe, Sibley, Arthur Smith, Wm. Smith, Spaight, Standefer, Sterling, Taliaferro, Taylor, Test, Thompson, of Geo. Tod, Tucker of S. C. Tyson, Udree, Vance of N. C. Vinton, Whitman, Wickliffe, James Wilson, Wilson of S. C. Wilson of Ohio, and Woods.

To-morrow was then assigned for the third reading of said bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Peter Yandes; reported to the House by Mr. GAZLAY without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of David Beard; reported by Mr. SPENCE without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden and others; reported by Mr. McLEAN of Ohio, without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Mary H. Hawkins; reported by Mr. SWAN without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Solomon Sibley; reported by Mr. REYNOLDS without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of J. M. C. Montgomery; reported by Mr. MITCHELL of Md. without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Frederick Perley; reported by Mr. COBB without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. EVERETT, his Secretary, which was read as follows:

To the House of Representatives:

The House of Representatives having referred back the accounts and claims of Daniel D. Tompkins, late Governor of New-York, to be settled, on the principles established by the report of the committee, and law founded on it, in the last session, I have reconsidered the subject, and now communicate the result.

By the Report of the committee, which it was understood, was adopted by the House, it was decided, that his accounts and claims should be settled on the four following principles.

First. That interest should be allowed him, on all moneys advanced by him for the public, from the time of the advance, to that of his being reimbursed.

Second. That a reasonable commission should be allowed him on all moneys disbursed by him, during the late war.

Third. That an indemnity should be allowed him for all losses which he had sustained, by the failure of the Government to fulfil its engagements to send him money, or Treasury notes, within the time specified, to be deposited in certain banks, as collateral security for loans procured by him, at the request, and on account of, the Government.

Fourth. That he should not be held responsible for losses incurred by the frauds and failures of sub-agents, to whom moneys were advanced through his hands.

On the first; that of interest on his advances for the public, I have allowed him \$14,438 68. This allowance is made on advances admitted by the Accounting Department, and on the declaration of Mr. Tompkins, that the remittances made to him, after his advances, and previous to the 24th of December 1814, when a very large sum was remitted to him, were applied to public purposes, and not to the reimbursement of his advances.

On the second head; that of a reasonable commission for his disbursements, during the late war, I have allowed him five per cent. on the whole sum disbursed by him, amounting to \$92,213 13. I have made him this extra-allowance, in consideration of the aid which he afforded to the Government, at that important epoch, in obtaining the loan of a considerable part of the sums thus disbursed.

On the third head; that of an indemnity for losses sustained by him, in consequence of the failure of the Government to fulfil its engagements, to send him money or Treasury notes within the time specified, I have allowed him 4,411 25 dolls. being the amount of the loss sustained on the sale of Treasury notes, for which he was responsible.

On the fourth head; that of losses sustained by him, by any frauds or failures of sub-agents, none such having been shown, no allowance, whatever, has been made to him.

From the amount thus allowed to Mr. Tompkins, after deducting the sum paid him, under the act of the present session, and the moneys charged to his account, there will remain a balance due him, of \$60,238 46, as appears by the sketch herewith communicated.

In making a final decision on Mr. Tompkins' claims, a question arises, shall interest be allowed him on the amount of the commission on his disbursements? The law of the last session grants to the President a power to allow interest on moneys advanced by him to the public, but does not authorize it on the commission to be allowed on his disbursements. To make such allowance, belongs, exclusively, to Congress. Had his claims been settled at the end of the last war, on the principles established by the law of the last session, a commission on disbursements would then have been allowed him. This consideration operates with great force, in favour of the allowance of interest on that commission, at this time, which I recommend to Congress.

I think proper to add, that the official relation which I bore to Governor Tompkins, at that very interesting epoch, under the highly distinguished and meritorious citizen, under whom we both served, enabling me to feel, very sensibly, the

value of his services, excites a strong interest in his favour, which, I deem it not improper, to express.

April 28, 1824.

Ordered, That the said message and documents be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means. *Adjourned.*

JAMES MONROE.

Thursday, April 29th, 1824.—116th day.

Mr. SCOTT, by leave of the House, presented a representation and memorial of the Bank of Missouri, by Thomas Riddick, its agent, in relation to its transactions with the Treasury Department of the United States, and praying that the Secretary of the Treasury may be directed to settle the claims of the said Bank, upon the principles of equity; said representation and memorial referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Charles Woodson; laid on the table.

Mr. GAZLAY submitted the joint resolution for the appointment of a trustee on behalf of the United States, to carry into execution an act of Congress of the 3d March, 1803, relative to a township of land in the state of Ohio, reserved for an Academy, in the grant to John Cleves Symmes; which said resolution, was read the first and second time, and laid upon the table.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. FOOT, of Conn. on the 27th instant, and the same being amended and modified, was again laid on the table.

Ordered, That the bill confirming to the heirs and legal representatives of the late Don Miguel Esclava, sundry claims to land in the city and county of Mobile, in the state of Alabama, be recommitted to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. FOOT, of Conn. from the Joint Committee for enrolled bills, reported that the Committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year 1824," and found the same to be truly enrolled; when the SPEAKER signed the said bill.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz: An act for the relief of Hugh McCulloch; An act for the relief of Robert Strain; An act for the relief of John S. Moffett; An act for the benefit of the Columbian Institute; An act for the relief of Judah Alden; An act for the relief of Henry Leightner; An act for the relief of George Fisher; An act for the relief of Landie Richardson; An act for the relief of David Cooper; An act for the relief of Peter Yandes; An act for the relief of David Beard; An act for the relief of Thomas L. Ogden and others; An act for the relief of Mary H. Hawkins; An act for the relief of Solomon Sibley; An act for the relief of J. M. C. Montgomery; An act for the relief of Frederick Perley, were respectively read the third time, and PASSED.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Carroll, of Dud-dington and others," was read the third time; and on the question, "Shall the bill pass?" It passed in the affirmative—Yeas 82, Nays 79.

YEAS, 82.—Messrs. Abbot, Alexander, of Va. Allison, Archer, Baylies, J. S. Barbour, Brent, Buchanan, Buck, Cambreleng, Cassedy, Collins, Condiot, Crafts, Craig, Culpeper, Cushman, Cuthbert, Durfee, Dwinell, Eaton, Edwards, Penn. Edwards, of N. C. Farrelly, Floyd, Foot, of Conn. Fuller, Garnett, Harvey, Hayward, Hemphill, Henry, Hogeboom, Hooks, J. T. Johnson, Kent, Lathrop, Leftwich, Litchfield, Little, Livingston, M'Coy, M'Kim, M'Lean, of Ohio, Mangum, Mallory, Markley, Matson, Mercer, Metcalfe, Mitchell, of Md. Neale, Nelson, Newton, Owen, Patterson, of Ohio, Poinsett, Rankin, Reynolds, Ross, Saunders, Sibley, Sloan, A. Stevenson, Stoddard, Strong, Swan, Tattnell, Ten Eyck, Tomlinson, Tracy, Trimble, Tucker, of Va. Vance of Ohio, Warfield, Whipple, Whittlesey, Williams, of Va. Williams, of N. C. Henry Wilson, Wood, and Wright.

NAYS, 79.—Messrs. Adams, Alexander of Tenn. Allen, of Tenn. P. P. Barbour, Bartlett, Bassett, Blair, Brown, Buckner, Burleigh, Burton, Campbell, of Ohio, Cary, Clark, Cocke, Conner, Cook, Day, Dwight, Ellis, Findlay, Foote, of N. Y. Frost, Garrison, Gatlin, Gazlay, Gist, Harris, Hayden, Herrick, Herkimer, Hobart, Isacks, F. Johnson, Kidder, Kremer, Letcher, Livermore, Locke, Long, M'Arthur, M'Duffie, M'Kean, Martindale, Marvin, Miller, Mitchell, of Penn. Moore, of Ken. Moore, of Ala. Morgan, O'Brien, Patterson, of Penn. Plumer, of Penn. Prince, Reed, Richards, Rives, Sandford, Scott, Sharpe, Arthur Smith, Wm. Smith, Standefer, Sterling, Taliaferro, Tay-

*A STATEMENT of allowances made by the President of the United States to Daniel D. Tompkins, late Governor of the State of New-York, under the act of Congress, passed for his relief, on the 21st February, 1823, and the resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 16th April, 1824.

Interest on advances made by him at times when he does not appear to have had in his hands funds of the United States, calculated from the dates of the advances, to the 24th December, 1814, without reference to remittances made to him from time to time, wherein the same were, in part, merged, at 7 per cent. per annum,	14,438 68
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lor, Test, Thompson, of Geo. Tod, Tucker, of S. C. Udree, Vance, of N. C. Vinton, Wickliffe, Williams, of N. Y. James Wilson, Wilson, of S. C. Wilson, of Ohio, and Woods.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Morris Goldsmith and Anthony Roderick; reported to the House without amendment, by Mr. McKEAN. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Robert Blean, reported by Mr. STERLING, without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill supplementary to "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington," passed on the 15th May, 1820; reported by Mr. CONDUCT, without amendment.

Mr. ALEXANDER, then moved to add the following section to the bill, viz: "Section 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council, shall have power to judge of the legality of the elections, returns and qualifications of the Mayor, and to order new elections when they may deem the same necessary; and in cases where a new election may be ordered, the Mayor for the preceding term, shall continue to act as such, until a Mayor shall be elected and qualified; and if the Mayor, for the preceding term shall be incapable, or shall refuse or neglect to serve as such, then the two Boards in joint meeting, may elect a person as Mayor, until a Mayor shall be elected and qualified as aforesaid. And in case the Mayor shall at any time become incapable of acting as such, by reason of absence, sickness, or other disability, the two Boards may elect a Mayor to act until such incapacity or disability shall be removed." And on the question to agree to this amendment, it was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Jacob Slough; reported by Mr. SANDFORD, without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the legal representatives of Fry and Spalding; reported by Mr. FINDLAY, with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Samuel Cleveland, junior; reported by Mr. CAMBRELENG without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill to compensate William Cocke for certain military services rendered during the late war; reported by Mr. SHARPE, with an amendment which was read and concurred in by the House, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Dean Weymouth; reported by Mr. LETCHER without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of John Mitchell; reported by Mr. HAMILTON without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of John Topp; reported by Mr. SAUNDERS, with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House, and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George Fisher." *Ordered* to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Archibald Clarke; reported by Mr. MARVIN without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Benj. King; reported by Mr. COBB, without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Maturin Guichot, and on the bill for the relief of Joseph Firman and others; reported by Mr. TOMLINSON, with an amendment to each, which were read and concurred in by the House, and the bills ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of James Jehu and Nathaniel Brooks, or the representative of either of them; reported by Mr. CONDUCT without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of John R. Carter; reported by Mr. WHIPPLE without an amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Wood of Ohio; reported by Mr. METCALFE without amendment, and ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

Also, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Josiah Hook, junior;" reported by Mr. BASSETT without an amendment.

It was then moved by Mr. WILLIAMS of N. C. that the said bill be postponed indefinitely; and the question being put, it was determined in the negative. *Ordered*, That the said bill be read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. FOOT, of Conn. from the Joint Committee for enrolled bills, reported that the Committee did this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, enrolled bills of the following titles, viz: An act to alter the times of holding the District Court, in the District of Missouri; An act to procure the necessary surveys, plans and estimates upon the subject of Road and Canals; An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year 1824; An act making appropriations for certain fortifications of the United States, for the year 1824.

Mr. NEWTON, from the Committee on Commerce, by leave of the House, reported a bill making appropriations for deepening the channel leading into the harbour of Presque Isle, and for repairing Plymouth Beach; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill to improve the Navigation of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

Mr. McCOR, from the Committee of Claims, by leave of the House, made a report on the petition of Edward and Owen Evans; accompanied by a bill for the relief of the said Edward Evans; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Adjourned.

Friday, April 30, 1824.—117th day.

Mr. RANKIN, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to an act of Congress, passed on the 13th day of June, 1812, entitled "An act making further provision for settling the claims to land in the territory of Missouri," reported the same with amendments. *Ordered* to be committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Daniel Palmer, and Zachariah Banker, and that they be committed to the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Dean Weymouth."

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of William S. Jett, jr. and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to which was referred the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners," made a report.

Ordered, That the said amendment be committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. FULLER, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the petition of Edward Barnard, administrator on the estate, &c. of John B. Fanning, deceased, late a purser in the navy of the United States, accompanied by a bill, which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary, be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Christopher Hoxie, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. PLUMER, of N. H. from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill for the relief of Robert Brotherton; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. WHIPPLE, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom the subject had been referred, reported a bill for the relief of the Register and Receivers of public money of the several land offices; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. F. JOHNSON, from the Committee on the Post Office, and Post Roads, made unfavourable reports on the cases of Isaac Williams and George W. Banks; which reports were severally laid upon the table.

Mr. HOBART, from the Committee on the Public Buildings, made an unfavourable report on the petition of William R. Maddox; read, and laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. TATNALL, *Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into and report at the next session of Congress the extent to which it is expedient to adopt the system of defence proposed in the several reports of the Board of Engineers for the defence of the maritime frontier of this country: the amount which it is estimated the works in contemplation approved of by the Committee may cost, specifying the location and estimated cost of each particular work, and also, the amount which it may be proper and expedient to appropriate annually for gradually effecting the above contemplated plan of defence.

On motion of Mr. WARFIELD, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing an act of the legislature of the state of Maryland, (so far as the said act extends to the District of Columbia,) passed in the year 1785, entitled "An act ascertaining what shall be recovered on protested bills of exchange, and to repeal an act of assembly therein mentioned."

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of John Johnson and others, of Brooklyn, N. Y. presented on the 16th February, 1818—the petition of Abraham Forbes presented the 20th January, 1820—the petition of Richard G. Morris, and the petition of Samuel Shaw, presented at the present session.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Hannah Davis, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the bill to authorize the issuing a register to the brig William, of New-York, and the said bill being amended, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the petition of Willie Blount, with the report of a select Committee thereon, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Engrossed bills, of the following titles, viz: "An act for the relief of Morris Goldsmith and Anthony Roderick;" "An act for the relief of Robert Blean;" "An act for the relief of Jacob Slough;" "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Fry and Spalding;" "An act for the relief of Samuel Cleveland, jr." "An act to compensate William Cocke for certain military services rendered the United States during the late war, and for the relief of John T. Johnson;" "An act for the relief of Dean Weymouth;" "An act for the relief of John Mitchell;" "An act for the relief of John Topp;" "An act for the relief of Archibald Clarke;" "An act for the relief of Benjamin King;" "An act for the relief of Maturin Guichot;" "An act for the relief of Joseph Firman and others;" "An act for the relief of James Jehu and Nathaniel Brooks, and the representative of either of them;" "An act for the relief of John R. Carter;" "An act supplementary to the act to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington," passed the 15th of May, 1820, were respectively read a third time and PASSED.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Jacques Mayotte, Francois Charpentier and Jean Baptiste Laducier, was read a third time, and being on its passage, a motion was made by Mr. VINTON, that the said bill be postponed indefinitely; and the question thereon being taken, it passed in the affirmative.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Josiah Hook, jr." was read the third time, and being on its passage, it was *Ordered*, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until Monday next.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Wood, of Ohio, was read the third time and PASSED.

Ordered, That the report of the select committee, on the case of the heirs of the late Carron de Beaumarchais, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-day.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the said report; and after some time spent therein, the *SPEAKER* resumed the chair, and Mr. BASSETT reported that the Committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said report.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Joseph C. Boyd," reported to the House by Mr. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, without amendment, and ordered to be read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Celestin Moreau, of Louisiana," reported by Mr. HAYNE, without amendment, and ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

Also, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act rewarding the officers and crews of two gigs, or small boats, under the command of Lieut. Francis H. Gregory, of the United States navy," reported by Mr. MILLER, without amendment, and ordered to be read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Hanson Kelly," reported by Mr. ALEXANDER, of Tenn. without amendment, and ordered to be read a third time, to-morrow.

Mr. A. STEVENSON, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the message from the President, upon the subject; reported a bill making an appropriation for the payment of the claims of Daniel D. Tompkins, late Governor of the state of New-York, against the United States; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. STEVENSON, from the same Committee, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to authorize the executors of John B. Mebane to collect certain arrears of tax; read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of James Johnson; reported by Mr. COCKE, without amendment, and ordered to be read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Andrew Mitchell, deceased, reported by Mr. ISACKS, with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House.

It was then moved by Mr. COCKE, that the said bill be postponed indefinitely; which being decided in the negative, it was *Ordered*, That the amendment be engrossed, and the said bill read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Sarah Venable and Jane Morgan; reported by Mr. BARTLETT, with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House: and, it was *Ordered*, That the said bill be laid on the table.

Also, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Napier Rapelye & Bennett, and Petray & Viel," reported by Mr. STRONG without amendment, and ordered to be read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Noah Smith, of Me. reported by Mr. ABBOT, with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House, and ordered that the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time, to-morrow.

Also, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Dean Weymouth, reported by Mr. LIVERMORE, with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House, and *Ordered*, that the said amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time, to-morrow. *Adjourned*.

Saturday, May 1st, 1824.—118th day.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made unfavourable reports on the cases of Joshua Bell and Abner Porter; which were laid on the table.

Mr. PLUMER, of N. H. from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill for the relief of Elisha Snow, jr. read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Mr. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was recommitted the bill for the relief of George Harlin, reported the same without amendment; it was then *Ordered*, That the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz: An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to authorize the executors of John B. Mebane, to collect certain arrears of tax;" "An act to authorize the issuing a register to the brig William, of New-York;" "An act for the relief of the administrator of John B. Fanning, deceased, late a purser in the navy of the United States," were respectively read a third time and passed. Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz: "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Joseph C. Boyd;" "An act for the relief of Celestin Moreau, of Louisiana;" "An act for the relief of Hanson Kelly;" "An act for the relief of James Johnson;" "An act for the relief of Napier Rapelye & Bennett, and Petray & Viel;" "An act rewarding the officers and crews of two gigs or small boats, under the command of Lieut. Francis H. Gregory, of the United States' Navy, were severally read the third time and *PASSED*.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Dean Weymouth, was read the third time and *PASSED*, with amendments. The title of said bill was amended to read as follows: "An act for the relief of Dean Weymouth, Zachariah Bunker, and Daniel Palmer."

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Noah Smith, of Maine," was read the third time, and *PASSED* with an amendment.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Andrew Mitchell, deceased, was read, and being on its passage, it was *Ordered*, That the said bill be laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill to allow further time to complete the issuing and locating of Military Land Warrants, be discharged from the consideration of the same. The said bill was then amended and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Walter S. Chandler and Samuel Ward," reported to the House by Mr. NEWTON without amendment. The said bill was then amended by striking out the first section thereof containing the provision in favour of Walter S. Chandler, and thereupon ordered to be laid upon the table.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to allow further time to complete the issuing and locating of Military Land Warrants," was read the third time and *PASSED*.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act confirming the claim of Peter H. Hobart and Lewis Judson, to a certain tract of land, reported to the House by Mr. STERLING without amendment. *Ordered* to be laid upon the table.

Also, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Amasa Stetson," reported by Mr. BAYLIES with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House; and ordered that the amendment be engrossed and the bill be read a third time on Monday next.

Also, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles Gwynn, of Baltimore, reported to the House by Mr. Litchfield without amendment, and ordered to be read a third time on Monday next.

Also, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Firman Le Sieur," reported by Mr. METCALFE without amendment, and ordered to be read a third time on Monday next.

Also, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the benefit of Alfred Moore and Sterling Orgain, assignees of Morris Lindsey, reported by Mr. MANTONDALE without amendment, and ordered to be read a third time on Monday next.

Also, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Thaddeus Mayhew, reported by Mr. POINSETT with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House, and ordered that the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time on Monday next.

Also, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Captain Thomas Staniford, reported by Mr. CRAIG with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House, and ordered that the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time on Monday next.

Also, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Elijah Van Syckel, of Philadelphia, reported by Mr. CADY without amendment, and ordered to be read a third time on Monday next.

Also, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for enclosing the burial ground of Christ Church, Washington Parish, reported by Mr. REED without amendment.

Also, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Ichabod Lord Skinner, reported by Mr. ALEXANDER, of Va. without amendment, and ordered to be read a third time on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts of Benjamin Lincoln, and others." *Ordered*, to be read a third time on Monday next.

Also, the bill for the relief of J. Ottraman. *Ordered*, To be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Edward Evans, reported by Mr. MARVIN without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Also, on the bill for the relief of Robert Brotherton, reported by Mr. FOOT, of Connecticut, reported the same without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next. *Adjourned*.

Monday, May 3rd, 1824.—119th day.

On motion of Mr. EDDY, *Ordered*, That the petition of Stephen Jenks and Son, presented on the 19th of January, 1818, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The following petitions, memorials, &c. were presented and referred:—

Sundry inhabitants of Ulster county, in the state of New-York, praying for the establishment of a Post road;—by Mr. JENKINS; referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Comfort Goff, a Revolutionary Soldier, praying for a pension;—by Mr. MITCHELL, of Md.; referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The *SPEAKER* laid before the House an attested copy of a Resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, "approving of the declaration of the President of the United States, in favour of the cause of liberty in the Western Hemisphere;" which was laid upon the table.

Jeremiah Neace, of the State of Ohio, stating that he is a debtor of the Bank of the United States, and complaining of oppression on the part of said Bank, and praying that the relief indicated in the memorial may be extended to him and to all debtors of said bank, who may be similarly situated;—by Mr. GAZLAY; referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. HAMILTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the Message from the President of the United States, upon the subject of the claims of the state of Massachusetts for the services of Militia in the late war with Great Britain, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill authorizing the settlement and payment of said claims; read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. WILLIAMS, of North Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Hezekiah Langley and Benjamin M. Belt," made a detailed report thereon, recommending that the said bill be postponed indefinitely. *Ordered*, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. MATSON, from the same Committee, made unfavourable reports on the cases of John Millholland, John Galliber, William Grace, and Thomas Alsbury, which were severally laid upon the table.

Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to which was re-committed the bill confirming to the heirs and legal representatives of the late Don Miguel Eslava, sundry claims to land in the city and county of Mobile, in the state of Alabama; reported the same with an amendment, which was read and agreed to. *Ordered*, to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. PLUMER, of New-Hampshire, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress to certain acts of the state of Alabama; reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. NEWTON, from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the petition of William Kellogg, made a report thereon, accompanied by a bill to authorize the issuing of a Register for the schooner Five Sisters; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Wednesday next.

Mr. TAYLOR, from the Joint Committee, appointed upon the subject of an adjournment of Congress, to which was referred the joint resolution from the Senate "fixing the time for an adjournment of Congress," reported the same with an amendment, which was read—when it was moved by Mr. BASSETT, that the said resolution be laid upon the table—And the question being put, it passed in the affirmative—yeas 101, nays 72.

YEAS, 101.—Messrs. Abbot, Adams, Alexander, Va. Allison, Archer, P. P. Barbour, Bassett, Beecher, Bradley, Buchanan, Burton, Cambreleng, Campbell, S. C. Cary, Cassidy, Cobb, Cocke, Collins, Condict, Cook, Crafts, Craig, Culpeper, Cushman, Cutbber, Day, Dwinell, Eddy, Edwards, Penn. Edwards, N. C. Ellis, Farrelly, Findlay, Forsyth, Forward, Frost, Garrison, Gatlin, Hall, Harris, Hayden, Hayward, Henry, Holcombe, Ingham, Isaacs, Jenkins, Kidder, Kremer, Lawrence, Leftwich, Litchfield, Livingston, M'Duffie, McKim, McLane, Del. Mangum, Mallary, Markley, Matson, Mercer, Mitchell, Md. Moore, Ken. Newton, Patterson, Ohio, Poinsett, Reynolds, Richards, Rives, Ross, Saunders, Scott, Sloan, Arthur Smith, Alex. Smyth, Wm. Smith, Spraight, Spence, A. Stevenson, J. Stephenson, Stoddard, Storrs, Strong, Swan, Taliaferro, Tattnall, Taylor, Ten Eyck, Thompson, Geo. Tod, Tracy, Tucker, Va. Vance, N. C. Vance, Ohio, Whitman, Williams, Va. Williams, N. C. James Wilson, Wilson, S. C. Wood, and Wright.

NAYS, 72.—Messrs. Alexander, Tenn. Allen, Mass. Allen, Tenn. Baylies, Barber, Con. Bartlett, Bartley, Blair, Breck, Brown, Campbell, Ohio, Carter, Clark, Conner, Crowninshield, Dwight, Foot, Con. Garnett, Gazlay, Gist, Gurley, Hamilton, Harvey, Herkimer, Hobart, Hooks, Houston, J. T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Lathrop, Lee, Letcher, Little, Livermore, Long, Longfellow, McArthur, McKean, McKee, McLean, Ohio, Martindale, Marvin, Miller, Mitchell, Penn. Morgan, Neale, Nelson, O'Brian, Owen, Patterson, Penn. Plumer, N. H. Plumer, Penn. Prince, Rankin, Sanford, Sharpe, Sibley, Standefer, Sterling, Test, Tomlinson, Trimble, Tucker, S. C. Udree, Vinton, Webster, Whipple, Whittlesey, White, Williams, N. Y. Wilson, of Ohio, and Woods.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition and documents of Mrs. Johanna Collins.

The House again proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Walter S. Chandler and Samuel Ward," and the said bill being read, was again laid upon the table.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz: An act for the relief of Edward Evans: An act for the relief of J. Ottomare: An act for the relief of Robert Brotherton; were respectively read a third time and PASSED.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz: An act for the relief of the representatives of Firman Le Sieur: An act for the benefit of Alfred Moore and Sterling Orgain, assignees of Morris Lindsey: An act for enclosing the burial ground of Christ Church, Washington Parish: An act for the relief of Charles Gwynn: An act to authorize the settlement of the accounts of Benjamin Lincoln: An act for the relief of Ichabod Lord Skinner: An act for the relief of Elijah Van Syckell, of Philadelphia; were respectively read the third time and PASSED.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz: An act for the relief of Amasa Stetson: An act for the relief of Captain Thomas Staniford: An act for the relief of Thaddeus Mayhew; were respectively read the third time and PASSED, with an amendment to each.

The SPEAKER communicated to the House the following letter:—

Easton, (Penn.) April 20, 1824.

SIR:—I beg leave to resign my seat as a Member of the House of Representatives of the United States.

Yours, very respectfully,

THOS. J. ROGERS.

Hon. HENRY CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Ordered, That the letter be laid upon the table, and that the Speaker do communicate the fact of the resignation of Mr. ROGERS to the Executive of the State of Pennsylvania.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. DWIGHT reported that the Committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union in general under consideration, particularly the memorial of the Legislature of the state of Kentucky, against the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, on the law of Kentucky, commonly called the occupying claimant law, and had come to no decision thereon. *Adjourned*.

Tuesday, May 4th, 1824.—120th day.

Mr. CROWNINSHIELD, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Shields," reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, to be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the case of Sarah Norris, widow of Lieutenant James Norris, of the Revolutionary Army, which was read; when it was *Resolved*, That the

Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the claim of the widow of Lieutenant James Norris, and that it ought not to be granted.

Mr. LITTLE, from the same Committee, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Abel Turney, which was read, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. WHITTLESEY, from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Lewis Dolnie and others, inhabitants of Mobile, in the state of Alabama, for compensation for cattle taken for public use in the late war; laid upon the table.

Mr. VANCE, of Ohio, from the Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of granting relief to certain purchasers of the public lands lying between Ludlow and Roberts' lines, in the state of Ohio, made a report, accompanied by a bill to authorize the President of the United States to enter into certain negotiations, relative to lands located under Virginia Military Land Warrants lying between the said lines; read the first and second time, and ordered to be laid upon the table.

Mr. MOORE, of Kentucky, from the Committee appointed on the memorial of the Trustees of the Institution for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb in the state of Kentucky, made a report on the said memorial, accompanied by a bill for the benefit of the said institution; read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. WEBSTER submitted the following resolution: *Resolved*, That provision ought to be made by law that, in all suits now pending, or which hereafter may be pending, in the Supreme Court of the United States, where is drawn in question the validity of any treaty or statute of the United States, or where is drawn in question the validity of any statute of a state, or the constitution thereof, or of any authority exercised under any state, on the ground of repugnancy to the constitution, treaties or laws of the United States, no judgment shall be pronounced or rendered, until a majority of all the justices of said court, legally competent to sit in the cause, shall concur in the opinion, either in favour of or against the validity thereof; and until such concurrence, such suit shall be continued under advisement: *Provided, however*, That said court should by such provision be prevented from rendering judgment in any such suit, where it should be of opinion that the final adjudication of the merits thereof did not require the decision of such constitutional or legal question as aforesaid; read and committed to the Committee of the whole House on the state of the Union.

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Julius Willard and Thomas Childs; and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Miguel Eslava," was read the third time, and PASSED.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensions," be discharged from the further consideration thereof. The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the said bill; when it was *Resolved*, That this House do disagree to so much of the said amendment as proposes to strike out the provision made in said bill for Levi Hathaway, Eleazer Scott, Adam Cooper and Moses Burseil, and that they do agree to the residue of said amendment.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill to reduce into one the several acts establishing the Post Office Department; and, after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. TOMLINSON reported that the Committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein. *Ordered*, That the Committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill. *Adjourned*.

Laws.

CHAP. 33. An ACT to amend an act, entitled "An act for the establishment of a Turnpike Company in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia."

[SECT. 1.] *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That, during the continuance of the act, entitled "An act for the establishment of a Turnpike Company in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia," passed the twenty-first April, one thousand eight hundred and eight, the Washington and Alexandria Turnpike Company shall be entitled to demand and receive, by their proper agents, servants, or officers, at the bridge built by said Company, over Four Mile Creek, between the town of Alexandria and the city of Washington, the sum of one cent from each and every person passing on foot over said bridge: *Provided always, and it is further enacted*, That, whenever the nett proceeds of tolls collected on said road and bridge shall be sufficient to defray the expense of rebuilding the bridge on Four Mile Run, keeping the said bridge and road in a sufficient state of repair, and allow the stockholders dividends, at the rate of six per centum per annum, then, and in that case, the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia for the county of Alexandria shall determine that the right of said Company to demand the tolls prescribed by this act, or any other tolls, from foot passengers, shall cease.

[Approved, April 9, 1824.]